THE MINISTER OF EDUCATION (SHRI K. C. PANT): (a) Yes, Sir. The amendments came into force from October 1, 1984.

(b) The amendment enables the University Grants Commission to specify by regulations, the matters in respect of which fees may be charged, and the scale at which such fees can be charged, by any college. In accordance with the above provisions, the University Grants Commission has appointed a Committee to frame detailed regulations.

(c) and (d) It is only after the regulations are finalised and enforced from a specified date, can the collection of fees by various colleges be regulated. The Commission has been advised to finalise these regulations as early as possible.

Creation of Irrigation Potential

168. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of IRRIGATION AND POWER be pleased to state:

(a) what was the irrigation potential in the country at the beginning of the Sixth Plan;

(b) what irrigation potential was added during the Sixth Plan; and

(c) what will be the additional irrigation potential during the Seventh Plan?

THE MINISTER OF IRRIGATION AND POWER (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The irrigation potential of the country at the beginning of the Sixth Five Year Plan was 56.5 M. ha. Additional potential of about 11.5 M. ha. is expected to be added during the Sixth Plan.

(c) The targets for the Seventh Plan are yet to be finalised

Primary Health Centres in States

169. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of fishermen villages in the coastal area of the country where Primary Health Centres have been set up so far;

(b) how many of them are within the range of 5 kms. of the civil hospitals; and

(c) whether Government have any programme to cover all fishermen villages under the Primary Health Scheme during 1985-86?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) to (c) There is no such scheme to establish Primary Health Centres exclusively for fishermen villages. It is proposed to have a Primary Health Centre for a population of 30,000 (20,000 in tribal and hilly areas) in a phased manner in rural areas instead of having a Primary Health Centre for every Community Development Block according to old norms. Establishment of Primary Health Centres comes under the State Sector MINIMUM NEEDS PROGRAMME. The number of new PHCs to be opened and their location is decided by the State Governments/ Union Territories.

Renovation of railway tracks

170. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total length of the railway track which needs to be renovated;

(b) what is the estimated cost of renovation;